(a) whether adequate budgetary provision for conversion/upgradation of broad gauge in respect of certain lines in Gujarat has been included in the Railway Budget 2009-10;

(b) if so, the details of the provisions for each line approved for conversion/upgradation; and

(c) by when the work relating to conversion/upgradation will likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (c) The details of ongoing gauge conversion projects falling fully/partly in Gujarat alongwith outlay provided during 2009-10 is as under:-

Sl. No.	Name of Projects	Outlay 2009-10 (Rs. in crore)
1.	Ahmedabad-Himmatnagar-Udaipur	30
2.	Bharuch-Samni-Dahej	45.65
3.	Bhildi-Samdari	70
4.	Bhildi-Viramgam	40
5.	Bhuj-Naliya with extn. to Vayor	0.01
6.	Pratapnagar-Chhotaudepur	35
7.	Rajkot-Veraval, Wansjalia to Jetalsar with new line from Veraval to Somnath	27.20
8.	Ankleshwar-Rajpipla	60
9.	Surendranagar-Bhavnagar-Mahuva with extn. to Pipavav and Surendranagar-Dhrangadhra	24

The ahove projects are in various stages of progress and will be completed as per availability of resources.

Scheme to adopt railway stations

2602. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any scheme to adopt railway stations or sponsor part of railway stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received any proposal from FICCI or any other organisation for maintenance or sponsoring of railway stations; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (d) There is no such policy of adoption of railway stations by private parties. However, some

development works as galvanised roofing, tiled flooring etc. alongwith provision or improvement of certain passenger amenity items *e.g.* display boards, steel basins, benches etc. are done at some railway stations by private parties at their cost. Such proposals are considered by concerned Zonal Railways. No details of such proposals are maintained.

Demand for super-fast train between Jamnagar-Mumbai

2603. SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when a new super-fast train between Jamnagar-Mumbai will be materialized;

(b) since when the demand for above mentioned new train is being made;

(c) whether a demand for extension of Navjivan Express upto Rajkot is examined and a decision taken thereon; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) Three pairs of Express trains are presently running between Jamnagar and Mumbai. Requests have been received from time to time for a superfast train, but introduction of a superfast train between Jamnagar and Mumbai has not been found feasible at present.

(c) and (d) Extension of 2655/2656 Chennai-Ahmedabad Navjivan Express upto Rajkot has been examined but it has not been found feasible at present due to operational and resource constraints.

Accidents at unmanned railway crossings

2604. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that frequent accidents take place at unmanned crossings;

(b) if so, the details of such accidents in last two years;

(c) if it is not possible to provide manual service at each unmanned crossing, whether Government would consider some mechanical or computerized systems of alarm at the crossings; and

(d) if not, the steps being proposed to be taken to prevent accidents at unmanned crossings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The number of unmanned level crossing accidents decreased from 65 in 2007-08 to 62 in 2008-09. In the current year during April to November 2009, unmanned level crossing accidents decreased to 39 from 46 during the corresponding period of the previous year.